

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Information necessary for authenticating a target (target information) is obtained by a target information obtainment unit 11 and a user input unit 12. Obtained target information is inputted in 5 an authentication target information processing unit 40 via an operation control unit 30, and a person, an item and the like are authenticated by a target information authentication unit 41. Also, location information necessary for identifying a present location by a GPS data receiving unit 51 or a location information receiving unit 10 52. This location information is obtained from a base station and the like of a GPS satellite, a cellular phone and a PHS. Location information authentication unit 71 authenticates a location based on the obtained location information and information stored in a storage unit 90 in advance. Location information DB 72 is used at 15 the time of this authentication.